

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to delete A1) hydrogen atom and A2) C-6 alkyl group as a substituent for R^3 in formulas (A) and (A'). In addition, the claims have been amended to delete E1) hydrogen atom as a substituent for R^{11} in the phenoxy group in formulas (E) and (E').

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 12, 13, 44 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by Sehgal et al. By the amendments to formulas (A) and (A') in claims 1 and 2, the claims now exclude compounds where R^1 is H, n is 1 and R^2 is OH or OCH_3 ; i.e. compounds 3d and 3e of Sehgal et al.

Accordingly, it is believed the claims are no longer anticipated by Sehgal et al. and its withdrawal as a ground of rejection under §102(b) is therefore requested.

Claims 1 and 2 have also been amended to exclude compounds shown in Nagarajan et al. submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of April 6, 2005. More specifically, they have been amended to exclude compounds, (3h) and (3j) of Nagarajan et al.

It is believed claims 1-48 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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